

VETERINARY MEDICINE BOARD[811]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to work experience in jurisdictions without licensure requirements and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby proposes to amend Chapter 8, “Auxiliary Personnel,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 169.5.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2627.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rule implements 2020 Iowa Acts, House File 2627, by providing the Board with the ability to register a veterinary technician who is moving to Iowa from another jurisdiction that does not license or register these types of positions. An individual who holds at least three years of work experience in another state would be eligible to register in Iowa more easily under the proposed rule.

The rule establishes application procedures including documentation of the individual’s prior work experience, proof of passing the national and state veterinary technician examinations, verification that the work in another state was similar in scope to what Iowa requires in order to register an individual, and proof of Iowa residency.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 811—Chapter 14.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 5, 2021. Comments should be directed to:

Colin Tadlock
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
Wallace State Office Building
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Email: colin.tadlock@iowaagriculture.gov

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

March 5, 2021
1 to 2 p.m.

Second Floor Boardroom
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa
Via conference call: 866.685.1580
Participant access code: 7422903352#

Persons who wish to make oral comments at the public hearing will be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rule making.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Adopt the following **new** rule 811—8.12(272C):

811—8.12(272C) Applicants with work experience in jurisdictions without licensure requirements.

8.12(1) *Work experience.* An applicant for initial registration who has relocated to Iowa from another jurisdiction that did not require a professional license/registration to practice in the profession may be considered to have met any educational and training requirements if the person has at least three years of work experience with a scope of practice substantially similar to that of the profession for which registration in Iowa is sought. The three years of work experience must be within the four years preceding the date of application for initial registration. The applicant must satisfy all other requirements, including passing any required examinations, to receive a license.

8.12(2) *Board application.* The applicant must submit the following:

- a. A completed application for registration through work experience.
- b. Payment of the application fee.
- c. Proof of passing both the veterinary technician national examination and Iowa's veterinary technician state examination.

8.12(3) *Required documentation.* An applicant who wishes to substitute work experience in lieu of satisfying applicable education or training requirements shall carry the burden of providing all of the following by submitting relevant documents as part of a completed registration application:

- a. Proof of Iowa residency, which may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) A residential mortgage, lease, or rental agreement;
 - (2) A utility bill;
 - (3) A bank statement;
 - (4) A paycheck or pay stub;
 - (5) A property tax statement;
 - (6) A document issued by the federal or state government;
 - (7) Any other board-approved document that reliably confirms Iowa residency.
- b. Proof of three or more years of work experience within the four years preceding the application for registration, which may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) A letter from the applicant's prior employer documenting the dates of employment;

- (2) Paychecks or pay stubs;
 - (3) If the applicant is self-employed, business documents filed with the secretary of state; or
 - (4) Any other board-approved evidence of sufficient work experience.
- c. Proof that the work experience was in a practice with a scope of practice substantially similar to that for the registration sought in Iowa, which must include:
- (1) A written statement by the applicant detailing the scope of practice; and
 - (2) Business or marketing materials detailing the services provided.
- d. Proof that a professional license/registration was not required in the other state, which may include:
- (1) Copies of applicable laws;
 - (2) Materials from a website operated by a governmental entity; or
 - (3) Materials from a national professional association.